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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASST SEC MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: COMMENTS ON SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REPORT

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY MET PM AUGUST 30 WITH A THREE-MAN
DELEGATION FROM THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT. THE DELEGA-
TION, HEADED BY JOHN KIRKPATRICK, IS IN TOWN FOR THE
SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS BUT IS NOT SURE THAT THEY
WILL STAY FOR THE FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING.
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY PROVIDED THEM WITH COPIES OF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AND RAISED THE TWO ISSUES
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OF THE DATE OF ELECTIONS AND THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY
PORTION OF UNTAG. REGARDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
RECOMMENDATION THAT "AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR ELECTIONS
WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS FROM THE APPROVAL OF
THE PRESENT REPORT", KIRKPATRICK SAID EMPHATICALLY:
"THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR." HE
EXPLAINED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS FAVOR EARLY ELECTIONS

BECAUSE THE DTA IS "RUNNING OUT OF STEAM AND LOSING SUPPORT". "IF THERE ISN'T AN ELECTION SOON," HE WENT ON, "THE DTA WILL BE OUT OF IT." HE ADDED: "IN ALL PROBABILITY THE NNF WILL BOYCOTT ANY ELECTION WHICH IS RUSHED THROUGH".

2. CONCERNING THE 7500-MAN MILITARY WING OF UNTAG PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, KIRKPATRICK HAD NO OBJECTION. HE COMMENTED THAT UN MILITARY ADVISER GENERAL PHILIPP AND SADF COMMANDER IN NAMIBIA, GELDENHUYS HAD ESTABLISHED A TREMENDOUS RAPPORT. KIRKPATRICK SPECULATED THAT IF ON PHILIPP'S RECOMMENDATION THE UN WAS PROPOSING THAT LARGE A FORCE, GELDENHUYS WOULD AGREE. KIRKPATRICK, WHO EARLIER IN THE YEAR HAD GREAT RESERVATIONS ABOUT AHTISAARI, WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR THE JOB WHICH AHTISAARI AND THE SURVEY MISSION HAD DONE IN NAMIBIA.

3. EARLIER IN THE DAY, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR SALIM HAD EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY HIS CONCERN ABOUT GENERAL PHILIPP BECAUSE OF HOW WELL HE GOT ALONG WITH GELDENHUYS. SALIM IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO MENTION IN SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT OF HOW AHTISAARI WILL DEAL WITH THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH WE ARE CERTAIN TO HEAR MORE OF AS THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE REPORT. LEONARD
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